

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion, characterized by subjecting (meth)acrylate containing a polyfluoroalkyl group and a polymerizable monomer ~~containing no fluorine atom~~ free of fluorine atoms to an emulsification treatment in the presence of a surfactant and a polypropyleneglycol-based compound having a molecular weight of 250 to 5,000, followed by copolymerization ~~copolymeri-~~zation reaction in the presence of a polymerization initiator.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the (meth)acrylate containing a polyfluoroalkyl group is ~~contained~~ present in a proportion of at least 10 wt. % on the basis of the resulting copolymer.

Claim 3 (Original): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the (meth)acrylate containing a polyfluoroalkyl group is a (meth)acrylate containing mixed perfluoroalkyl groups including perfluoroalkyl groups having 12 or more carbon atoms as a polyfluoroalkyl group.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the polymerizable monomer ~~containing no fluorine atom~~ is free of fluorine atoms comprises at least one of (meth)acrylic acid ester, dialkyl ester or vinyl ester of fumaric acid or maleic acid ~~or~~ and vinyl ester.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 4, wherein the (meth)acrylic acid ester is comprises at least one of lauryl acrylate, stearyl (meth)acrylate, cyclohexyl methacrylate ~~or~~ and benzyl methacrylate.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 5, wherein as the (meth)acrylic acid ester comprises stearyl acrylate, ~~acrylate is used alone or in combination with cyclohexyl methacrylate or benzyl methacrylate~~.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the surfactant is comprises at least one of a polyethylene oxide-based nonionic surfactant ~~or~~ and a cationic surfactant.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the polypropyleneglycol-based compound is comprises at least one of polypropyleneglycol, its terminal monomethyl ether ~~or~~ and glycerin · polypropyleneglycol adduct.

Claim 9 (Original): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein a polymerizable monomer containing a cross-linkable group is further copolymerized.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 9, wherein the polymerizable monomer having a cross-linkable group is comprises at least one of acrylamide, acrylamide or its derivatives, or and glycidyl (meth)acrylate.

Claim 11 (Original): An aqueous dispersion prepared by a process according to Claim 1.

Claim 12 (Original): An aqueous dispersion prepared by a process according to Claim 9.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): An aqueous dispersion according to Claim 11 ~~for use as provided in~~ a water and oil repellent.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): An aqueous dispersion according to Claim 12 ~~for use as provided in~~ a water and oil repellent.

Claim 15 (New): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 6, wherein the stearyl acrylate is used in combination with at least one of cyclohexyl methacrylate or benzyl methacrylate.